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RE: PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTIVE TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE COMMUNITY RELIEF DUE TO METHANE PIPE EXPLOSION AT THE CHIQUITA CANYON LANDFILL

Dear Mr. Perkey and Mr. Green:

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health issues the following Public Health Directive to Waste Connections US, Inc. and the Chiquita Canyon, LLC (collectively, CCL):

The release of landfill gases and plume emanating from the CCL landfill on the evening of November 16, 2026, has caused noxious odors that are impacting the immediate communities of Val Verde, Halsey Hills, Industry, Cambridge, and Hillcrest, as noted in the CCL Landfill Incident Response Webpage – Emergency – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

CCL is hereby directed to immediately provide relief to the community, including, but not limited to, the following range of actions:

1. Local Indoor Refuge, funded by CCL, that provides residents with indoor spaces for temporary odor relief, includes “cooling” centers, with filtered air.

2. The provision by CCL of temporary, short-term hotel stays to provide immediate overnight relocation and relief for residents to remove them from the noxious odors.

3. Rideshare or shuttle access for those residents who require transportation assistance to reach daytime refuge spaces or overnight hotels.

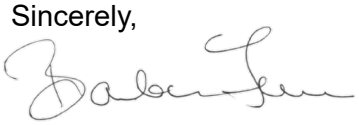
4. At-Home Support for residents to improve their indoor air quality, such as:
   - Air filters or purifiers (HEPA/carbon)
   - Materials for reducing outdoor air intrusion

5. Timely and regular updates to the community on the resources available from CCL, instructions for accessing that support, and continuous communication to residents throughout this event.

As the responsible party, CCL has an obligation to timely and immediately provide relief to mitigate the exposures in the community resulting from the November 16, 2026, release of landfill gases and plume emanating from the CCL landfill.

Please immediately confirm in writing to Azar Kattan at akattan@ph.lacounty.gov, receipt of this directive and actions being taken by CCL to address the community impacts of this release.

Sincerely,



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c: Kathryn Barger, Supervisor, 5th Supervisorial District